

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Gary W. Black, Commissioner



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JOB TITLE:	VETERINARIAN 2 (HCP171) OR VETERINARIAN 3 (HCP172) [FORMERLY MEAT INSPECTION DISTRICT VETERINARY SUPERVISOR]
POSITION NUMBER:	00051849
LOCATION:	ANIMAL INDUSTRY DIVISION, MEAT INSPECTION, DISTRICTS 1 & 2 <i>(APPLICANT MUST RESIDE IN DISTRICT 1 OR DISTRICT 2; SEE BELOW.)</i>
POSTING DATE:	OCTOBER 14, 2016
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	OCTOBER 20, 2016
WHO MAY APPLY:	ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
PAY GRADE:	VETERINARIAN 2: PAYGRADE N VETERINARIAN 3: PAYGRADE O
ENTRY SALARY:	COMMENSURATE WITH EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND QUALIFICATIONS

We at the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) take our responsibilities to you very seriously and are committed to protecting and promoting Georgia's agriculture through superior service and leadership. The mission of the GDA is to protect consumers, promote agriculture, both locally and globally, and assist our customers using education, technology and a professional workforce. The vision of the GDA is to continue to be a globally recognized leader in agricultural excellence through a commitment to safety, quality, growth and innovation.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: *APPLICANT MUST RESIDE IN DISTRICT 1 OR DISTRICT 2 OR BE WILLING TO RELOCATE.*

The Meat Inspection Section of the GDA governs and regulates the statutes on meat slaughter and processing plants to assure a safe, wholesome, and properly labeled meat supply for consumers. Meat Inspection regulates meat slaughter & processing and performs daily inspection of state facilities, federal facilities, and custom-exempt facilities. The Meat Inspection Program provides compliance oversight of meat products in commerce and the slaughter and processing of farm raised commercial non-amenable species.

Administers the Meat Inspection Program for the Districts 1 &/or 2 according to USDA and State rules and regulations, policies, directives, notices, and memoranda. Ensures only wholesome meat from healthy food animals, safe from harmful chemicals and drug residues enter the human food chain. Performs administrative and / or supervisory duties in coordination with District Supervisors.

Directly supervises and trains meat inspection personnel in the proper performance of humane handling verifications, ante-mortem inspections, postmortem inspections, and sanitation verifications during the slaughter of meat animals. Performs final dispositions on all animals with abnormalities. May supervise personnel who inspect the processing of meat and meat food products. Enforces the regulations governing cutting, boning, curing, smoking, sausage manufacturing, formulation, and labeling. May oversee the safety and health programs for employees and all personnel actions within assigned district(s). Coordinates with Meat Compliance Officers regarding the distribution of meat products in commerce by Georgia meat processors, haulers, retail stores, food warehouses, restaurants, schools, etc. Provides professional oversight of the sampling and testing program of carcasses and finished products for microbiological and chemical hazards. May perform other duties as assigned. This position may require travel.

*Note: District 1 currently encompasses the following counties: Dade, Walker, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray, Gilmer, Fannin, Union, Towns, Rabun, Chattooga, Floyd, Gordon, Gilmer, Lumpkin, White, Habersham, Bartow, Pickens, Dawson, Hall, Cherokee, Forsyth, Polk, Paulding, Cobb, Haralson, Carroll, and Douglas

District 2 currently consists of the following counties: Fulton, Gwinnett, DeKalb, Heard, Coweta, Fayette, Clayton, Henry, Rockdale, Newton, Troup, Meriwether, Pike, Lamar, Monroe, Jones, Harris, Talbot, Upson, Crawford, Bibb, Muscogee, and Taylor

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Veterinarian 2 - Doctorate degree in veterinary medicine or equivalent from an accredited college or university and licensed by the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine and two years of experience at the lower level Veterinarian 1 (HCP170) or position equivalent; OR certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) from the American Veterinary Medical Association and licensed by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine and two years of experience at the lower level Veterinarian 1 (HCP170) or position equivalent.

Veterinarian 3 - Doctorate degree in veterinary medicine or equivalent from an accredited college or university and licensed by the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine and three years of experience at the lower level Veterinarian 2 (HCP171) or position equivalent; OR certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) from the American Veterinary Medical Association and licensed by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine and three years of experience at the lower level Veterinarian 2 (HCP171) or position equivalent.

NOTE: Documents that support the satisfactory completion of minimum qualifications for this position must be provided after selection. This includes official college transcripts, ECFVG certification, Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine license, etc.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: *Preference will be given to applicants, who, in addition to meeting the Minimum Qualifications, possess knowledge, skills and abilities in the following areas:*

- Considerable knowledge of the USDA, FSIS Meat Inspection Program;
- Comprehensive skills in the detection and identification of diseases/conditions during ante-mortem and postmortem inspection;
- Extensive experience with public administration, and proficiency in oral and written communications; and
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT: The selected candidate must successfully complete USDA Inspection Methods, USDA Public Health Veterinary (PHV) training, and USDA Enforcement, Investigative, Analysis Officer (EIAO) training at the first available opportunity after being hired. Candidate must maintain a current license with the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine to continue employment in this position.

NOTE: THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONDUCTS BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL FINAL CANDIDATES.

HOW TO APPLY: WE ACCEPT STATE APPLICATIONS BY ANY TRANSMISSION LISTED BELOW. RESUMES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN ADDITION TO THE STATE APPLICATION.

- Mail a completed State of Georgia application to Georgia Department of Agriculture, Personnel Office, Room 300, Agriculture Building, 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334; or
- Fax a completed State of Georgia application to (404) 463-8196; or
- Via Team Georgia Careers <http://team.georgia.gov/careers/>; or
- E-mail a completed State of Georgia application to GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov.

Please reference the job title and position number when submitting paper applications. Applications received without a job title or position number will be considered unsolicited and will not be reviewed. For a copy of the State Application, please visit http://team.georgia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/State_Application-Standard-3.3.15.pdf or contact the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Human Resource Administration at (404) 656-2705.

The GDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. All qualified applicants will be considered, but may not necessarily receive an interview. Due to the large volume of submissions received by this office, information concerning application and/or interview status cannot be provided. Selected applicants will be contacted for next steps in the interview process. Applicants who are not selected will not receive notification. This position is subject to close at any time once a satisfactory applicant pool has been identified.

IF YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION FOR AN INTERVIEW, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSONNEL OFFICE AT (404) 656-3615.